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PSC SETS LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS IN SBC MISSOURI REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION IN SOME OF ITS EXCHANGES

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold nine local public hearings across the state during the **week of October 3, 2005**, to receive customer comment on a request filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri to have some of its exchanges classified as competitive under a new law (SB 237) which took effect on August 28, 2005. SBC Missouri is seeking competitive classification in 50 of its residential exchanges and 30 of its business exchanges.

If competitive status is granted, SBC Missouri would no longer be subject to price or rate regulation by the PSC. SBC Missouri would be permitted to raise or lower its telephone prices at its own discretion, subject to the marketplace. The PSC would continue to regulate quality of service, service termination and other billing issues.

The PSC will hold local public hearings in **Carthage, Union, Moberly, Excelsior Springs, Kennett, Marshall, Hannibal, Kirksville and Mexico**. Due to the large number of exchanges at issue, these local public hearings will be conducted by two-way video conference. Members of the public are invited to attend and provide comment on SBC Missouri's request and the nature and amount of telephone competition in the customer's exchange.

A question and answer session will be held for the first 30 minutes so that the public can ask questions about the request. The public comment period will begin immediately thereafter.

The local public hearing schedule appears below:

October 3, 2005-6:30 pm

Carthage

Carthage Technical Center
Room 102
609 River

Union

East Central Community College
Multipurpose Building
1964 Prairie Dell Rd., Room MP 304

Moberly

Moberly Area Community College
Multipurpose Building, ITV Lab
101 College Avenue

October 4, 2005-6:30 pm

Excelsior Springs

Excelsior Springs High School
IT Room #23, 612 Tiger Drive

(more)

Kennett

Kennett Career and Technical Center
 Room 100-A
 Corner of Washington & Holt Streets

October 5, 2005-6:30 pm**Marshall**

Saline County Career Center
 900 West Vest, Room 2

October 7, 2005-Noon**Hannibal**

MACC/Hannibal Higher Education Center
 Hannibal Regional Office Center
 109 Virginia St., Suite 290, Room 203

Kirksville

Kirksville Higher Education Center
 2105 East Normal, Room 116

Mexico

Mexico Advanced Technology Center
 2900 Doreli Lane, Room 138

A list of the exchanges in this request appears below:

Residential exchanges (50):

Antonia	Archie	Ash Grove	Billings
Bonne Terre	Boonville	Camdenton	Cape Girardeau
Carthage	Cedar Hill	Chillicothe	Clever
De Soto	Dexter	Eldon	Excelsior Springs
Farley	Festus-Crystal City	Flat River	Fulton
Grain Valley	Gravois Mill	Gray Summit	Greenwood
Hannibal	Herculaneum-Pevely	High Ridge	Hillsboro
Imperial	Jackson	Joplin	Kennett
Kirksville	Lake Ozark-Osage Beach	Marionville	Marshall
Maxville	Mexico	Moberly	Neosho
Poplar Bluff	Portage Des Sioux	Richmond	Sedalia
Sikeston	St. Clair	Union	Walnut Grove
Ware	Webb City		

Business exchanges (30):

Archie	Ash Grove	Billings	Boonville
Carthage	Cedar Hill	Chaffee	Chillicothe
De Soto	Dexter	Excelsior Springs	Farley
Gray Summit	Hannibal	Hillsboro	Kennett
Kirksville	Linn	Marionville	Marshall
Mexico	Moberly	Montgomery City	Neosho
Portage Des Sioux	Richmond	St. Clair	Union
Ware	Webb City		